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Honorable James H. Welsh
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State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
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Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, BETHANY-
LONGSTREET FIELD, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BRIDAS ENERGY USA, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

1. To create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, such unit being shown on the attached plat and being designated ROD RA SUY.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed additional unit in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Applicant as operator of, and its J. B. Barr No. 2 Well as the unit well for, the proposed additional unit.
4. To extend, except as in conflict herewith, the provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 289-L, effective October 7, 1977, as amended and supplemented by the Order No. 289-L series of Orders, to the proposed additional unit.
5. To discuss such other matters as may be pertinent to this application.

The Rodessa Formation, Reservoir A, in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 289-L, effective October 7, 1977.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-

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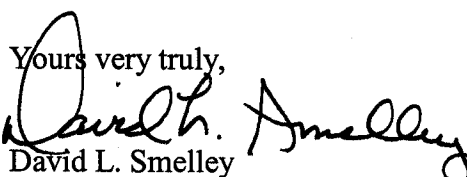
8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

By letter dated October 30, 2003, Applicant gave notice, in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure, of its intention to apply for a public hearing concerning these proposals and set November 25, 2003, as the tentative date for the pre-application conference. No request for the pre-application conference was received; accordingly, no pre-application conference was held.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of the unit plat (which is identical to the unit plat attached to the pre-application notice) is enclosed herewith, and a copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to each of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bethany-Longstreet Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,

David L. Smelley

-- Attorney for Bridas Energy USA, Inc.

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Mr. Joe McMahan (w/encl.)
Mr. Jerry Loyd (w/encl.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

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